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2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 1-297044, dated November 30, 1989 together with English language abstract;
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 4-409, dated January 6, 1992 together with English language abstract;
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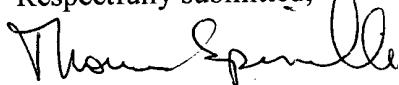
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5. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 6-281445, dated October 7, 1994 together with English language abstract;
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8. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 5-136953, dated June 1, 1993 together with English language abstract;
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10. U.S. Patent No. 5,742,419, dated April 21, 1998 issued to Dickensheets et al.

References 1-9 were cited in a Search Report received from the Japanese Patent Office, dated December 26, 2000. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report. Reference 1 was cited in the specification.

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